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1. On 5 August 1954, the garages of the AAA unit in Altwarp which was commanded by one Rau, housed 24 x 85-mm AA guns, 12 AA machine guns, about 45 trucks, 1 ambulance, 2 van-like vehicles, 1 radio truck, and 4 field kitchens. The strength of the units was estimated at about 400 men which number did not include a signal unit of about 50 men. About 50 men with 4 AA machine guns and 4 trucks were detached to an exercise in the Eggesin area. ¹
2. Component units of the AAA unit under Rau were allegedly scheduled to be rotated to Zingst for firing practices in August in turns of about two weeks. Emphasis was laid on combat training, firing practices with small arms, and gunnery.
3. In the night of 7 August, 10 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 artillery director on a four-wheeled trailer, 12 trucks, 1 field kitchen, and about 120 men, who came from Altwarp, were loaded onto cars at the Ueckermuende railroad station. ¹
4. On about 20 August, some 300 KVPs from Altwarp were in the Zingst area where they fired at towed air targets.
5. On 17 August, about 40 soldiers of the AAA unit under Rau refused to do guard service at the Altwarp installation because at that time they frequently were on guard service up to 24 hours per day. Captain Petrow, chief of staff, and deputy commander, punished these soldiers with several hours' extra duty. Subsequently, the soldiers allegedly requested their immediate discharge. Captain Schaedlich, deputy for political indoctrination, tried to settle the dispute.
6. In mid-August, the strength of the driving-school unit in Altwarp increased to about 320 men. Shortly before mid-August, the unit moved from barracks No 2 to barracks No 3 of the installation. An instruction course which involved about 130 trainees, was almost completed. In early August, the unit had 11 trucks, 1 repair-shop trailer, 2 armored scout cars and about 12 motorcycles. ²
7. At an undetermined time, two hutments in the Altwarp ODD Camp were torn down and shipped away to Berlin railroad station. Six other hutments were scheduled to be torn down shortly. They were allegedly destined for the Prenzlau KVP.

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8. In the afternoon of 6 August, an undetermined number of tanks and vehicles, numerous items of equipment, and some enlisted men were unloaded at the Eggesin railroad station. ³
9. On 10 August, two T-34 tanks were loaded onto cars at Eggesin in the presence of a major of the division headquarters. They allegedly arrived under a model-standardization program, which provided for the exchange of T-34/76 tanks for T-34/85 tanks. ⁴
10. Effective 1 August, political indoctrination lessons were increased from four to six or seven hours per week. ⁵
11. Numerous officers of the division requested termination of service. Discharges in the proper sense, however, were allegedly no longer possible, but were exclusively effected by expulsion from the KVP and, simultaneously, the Party.
12. Since 2 August, the division had been visited by a Ministry of the Interior commission which checked on all large and small arms. On 2 August, a high-ranking Soviet officer was allegedly present at the inspection. ⁵
13. On 6 August, the Altwarp AAA unit left for the Baltic Sea Coast near Zingst (?) where firing practices were to be held.
14. In the night of 4 August, an undetermined number of tanks were unloaded at the Eggesin and Hoppenwalde railroad stations. ⁴
15. The former mental hospital at Ueckerruende was being taken over by the Eggesin billeting department.
16. Officers of the Mechanized Division Eggesin included Captain Raesch, chief of staff, and Captain Salchow, supply officers, Section A of the Karpin installation; Senior Lieutenant Jeutes, supply officer, and Captain Iechstein, chief of staff, Section F of the Karpin installation; Major Farkowsky, supply officer, and Major Schwenke, chief of staff, in Section C of the Karpin installation; Captain Michel, chief of staff, Section D of the Karpin installation; and Senior Lieutenant (?) Dannenberg, supply officer, Section E of the Karpin installation. ⁶
1. Comment. It has previously been reported that the AAA regiment of a mechanized division is presently equipped with 37-mm AA guns and AA machine guns, but has no 85-mm AA guns. On the other hand, it is known that firing practices with 85-mm AA guns have been held in the Altwarp area at least as long as the AAA range near Zingst was not available. So 85-mm AA guns, which are in excess of authorized equipment from this time or for the reason, are possibly stationed at Altwarp and located in the installation of the AAA regiment of Mechanized Division Eggesin commanded by Major Rau. During the period of firing practices, these weapons possibly include guns of the AAA regiment from Korps Nord in Pasewalk. It is undetermined whether the soldiers receiving training with these guns are members of the AAA regiment of Korps Nord only, or members of the AAA regiment commanded by Rau. That the firing practices with 85-mm AA guns have recently been confined to the Dargitz area near Zingst is also unknown. Such a measure would also explain the loading activity reported from the Ueckerruende railroad station. On this occasion, 85-mm AA guns and one artillery fire director, which apparently was the SCR-584 (Whiff) model were observed simultaneously and there can be little doubt about the size of these guns. It is noted, however, that no 37-mm AA guns are mentioned in connection with the observations made on 5 August.
2. Comment. The driving school and the AAA regiment of Mechanized Division Eggesin are quartered in one installation.
3. Comment. Minor units of Mechanized Division Eggesin have possibly returned from the Weisswasser area.

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